

DOI Watercraft Working Group Conference Call
April 13, 2005 12:00 EDT

Participants:

Anne Sittauer
Ed Wickersham
Gary Hill
Jeff Peterson
Jake Schlapfer
Ed Perez
Harrison Daniel

Anne convened the conference call at 12:03 PM, EDT

- Gary Hill suggested having concurrent watercraft work group meetings with Department and Bureau work groups. It was determined that the NPS, BLM, and BOR did not presently have functional work group although they were working on it. All were in support of the concept. It was decided that Gary and Anne would consider attempting to coordinate their two Bureaus next Work Group meetings.
- It was decided that Jeff Peterson will coordinate arrangements for next DOI work group meeting in Boise.
- Harrison informed the committee that the next DOI Safety and Occupational Health Seminar will be in San Diego in the last week of March, 2006. Harrison suggested that the work group consider being prepared to do a couple of presentations and possibly coordinate a meeting with the Safety and health Seminar.
- Harrison would also like the work group members to consider developing a list of recommended equipment to be posted on Safetynet.
- Gary informed group of the possibility of NASBLA conducting a boating accident investigation course for DOI personnel. It would normally run about \$30,000.00. However if USGS furnished conference rooms and such the cost could be reduced. There was support for the concept. Gary will check on more specific details and cost.
- Jake informed the group that BLM/NPS and USFWS will be conducting an MOICC in Homer, AK on April 25 – 29.
- Jake discussed his web based training concept. Essentially using one of the NASBLA approved on line basic boating courses to reduce classroom time for the MOCC. Jake also suggested that rather than replacing classroom time it could be a prerequisite for students to complete before they come to an MOCC so they are better prepared. The general comments were not favorable to replacing actual classroom MOCC training with an online type module because of the technical nature of the material being provided. It was not thought to lend itself to distant teaching programs. BLM is going to be conducting an MOCC in Alaska soon and

Jake plans to integrate the online concept into the MOCC course and see how it works. He will keep the work group advised

- Anne will be contacting the work group members and initiating a discussion concerning the best way to disseminate manual revisions and updates. This is necessary to insure the various Bureaus that are actively engaged in watercraft training are kept up to date. Also as part of that discussion will be cost sharing.
- Anne asked if other agencies were charging for MOCC classes. The BOR charges \$500 for a MOCC and The USGS charges \$875 for MOCC and \$1250 for MOICC.
- Next Conference call is scheduled for June 28th.

Conference adjourned at 1:15 PM

Action items:

1. Gary will coordinate a possible joint Bureau/Department Working Group meeting. Gary will provide date and information by 6/1
2. Gary will provide work group with details on NASBLA accident investigation course cost, possible timeline and location, by 6/1.
3. Jeff will coordinate next work group meeting in Boise, date/time/location, by 6/1.
4. Jake will report back to work group on web based training experience from BLM, MOCC. by date June 1.
5. Work group members will provide Anne with information on best way to disseminate manual information to Bureau leads, by 6/1.
6. Harrison will keep the work group members informed concerning the next Safety and health Seminar. Work group members should make decision next conference call concerning the work group's participation in the H&S Seminar in 2006.
7. Harrison will provide work group members criteria for information on how a list of recommended/preferred equipment would be displayed on Safetynet.